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Council Members,

I attended nearly all the planning commission meetings on the ECA but have been unable to attend the Council meetings due to prior commitments on Tuesdays.

I thoroughly read the Ingelwood Sub-basin Plan Addendum and heard all the Best Available Science presented by the Consultants hired by the City to review the ECA. I agree with the findings of the Consultants but find that their recommendations are not being heeded due to intense pressure by a few property owners who want the right to develop their own properties to full development with no restrictions.

I was very involved in the original Comprehensive Plan developed by King County in the '90's. There was then and still is now (as documented by consultant's findings as BAS) good reason to protect the fragile wetlands, streams, steep slopes, and animal habitat that were designated in that original Comprehensive Plan.

Since Sammamish's incorporation into a City, there have been many variances granted in these areas. Why do we not look at these as pilot projects? There has been no follow up studies on these variances. Before we decide to remove more area of protected land should we not first look at all the current land we have developed to see how these variances (pilot programs) have worked in the past?

I have lived on the Plateau for 35 years and have a deep appreciation for its beauty and quality of life. I feel that if we want to maintain that beauty and quality of life, we are all going to have to sacrifice for the common good. I happen to live adjacent to George Davis Creek and have a 150' buffer with which I can not do anything.

Why should I pay full taxes on this land and be unable to remove 1 tree while others want to completely ignore the buffers and protected land? If I were able to clear cut my land it would definitely impact those downstream. The same is true for those who want to develop in wetland buffers or on steep slopes. No one can develop in sensitive areas without impacting others. We have a history in this area of mistakes with development in sensitive areas, we should learn from those mistakes and not cave to the pressures of lawyers, developers and property owners who desire to develop their land with no regard to the environment.

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